

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4, 7, 11 and 16 without prejudice.

1. (Original) A computerized method comprising:
identifying a first stream of data stored in first source register and a second stream of data stored in a second source register; and
performing a bit-level interleaving of the first stream of data and the second stream of data to generate a combined stream of data.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein performing bit-level interleaving further comprises:
receiving an interleaving instruction; and
executing the interleaving instruction on the first stream of data and the second stream of data.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the combined stream of data is stored in a destination register.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein each of the first stream and the second stream includes 16 bits of encoded data.
6. (Original) An apparatus comprising:

an instruction memory to store an interleaving instruction;

an instruction sequencer, coupled to the instruction memory, to receive the interleaving instruction;

an execution unit, coupled to the instruction sequencer, to execute the interleaving instruction, the interleaving instruction facilitating a bit-level interleaving of a first stream of data and a second stream of data into a combined stream of data; and

a register file, coupled to the execution unit, the register file including a first source register to hold the first stream of data, a second source register to hold the second stream of data, and a destination register to hold the combined stream of data.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein each of the first stream and the second stream includes 16 bits of encoded data.

9. (Original) A computer system comprising:

a memory to store computer data and instructions; and

a processor, coupled to the memory, to receive a first stream of data, a second stream of data, and an interleaving instruction from the memory, to store the first stream of data in a first source register and a second stream of data in a second source register, and to execute the interleaving instruction on the first stream of data and the second stream of data, the interleaving instruction facilitating a bit-level interleaving of the first stream of data and the second stream of data into a combined stream of data.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the processor comprises a destination register to hold the combined stream of data.
11. (Canceled)
12. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein each of the first stream and the second stream includes 16 bits of encoded data.
13. (Original) A computer readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed on a processor, cause said processor to perform operations comprising:
 - identifying a first stream of data stored in a first source register and a second stream of data stored in a second source register; and
 - performing bit-level interleaving of the first stream of data and the second stream of data to generate a combined stream of data.
14. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 13 providing further instructions causing the processor to perform operations comprising:
 - receiving an interleaving instruction; and
 - executing the interleaving instruction on the first stream of data and the second stream of data.
15. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the combined stream of data is stored in a destination register.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein each of the first stream and the second stream includes 16 bits of encoded data.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the bit interleaving instruction is a single executed instruction.

19. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein syntax of the bit-level interleaving instruction is expressed as

$$Dest = Bit_interleaver(Src_1, Src_2),$$

wherein *Dest* identifies the destination register, *Src₁* identifies the first source processor, *Src₂* identifies the second source processor, and *Bit_interleaver* identifies a bit interleaving operation.

20. (Canceled)